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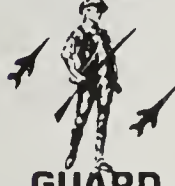
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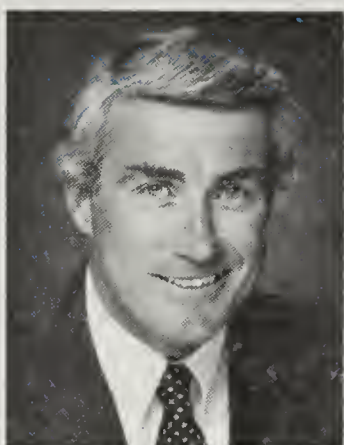
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JIM EDGAR  
Secretary of State



## A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

The Illinois Secretary of State's office, in an effort to recognize those who have served our country, offers six military service-related license plates.

Armed Forces Reserves and Illinois National Guard license plates were created to acknowledge those individuals who are working to protect citizens in times of national emergency and disaster.

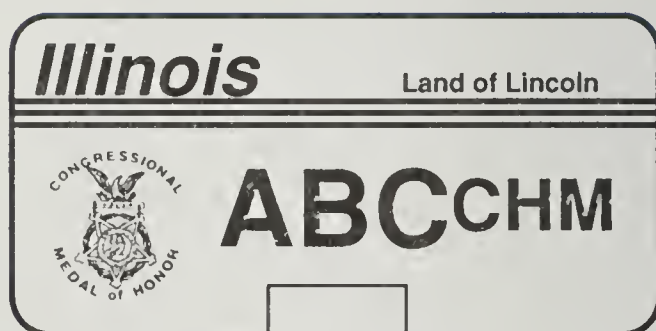
The Disabled Veterans, Ex-Prisoner of War, and Purple Heart license plates honor those who endured the pains of war while defending this nation.

Illinois also honors those recipients of the highest award given by our country, the Congressional Medal of Honor, for their actions far beyond the call of duty.

If you qualify for any of the above special plate categories, I encourage you to obtain the recognition you so rightfully deserve.

Secretary of State

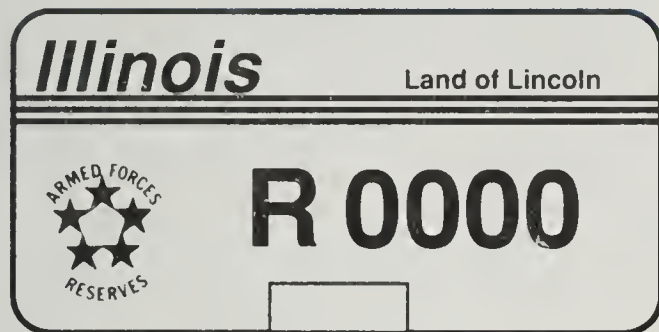
## CONGRESSIONAL



Any resident of Illinois who has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor is eligible to apply for these plates. For further information, contact the Non-Standard Plates Section.

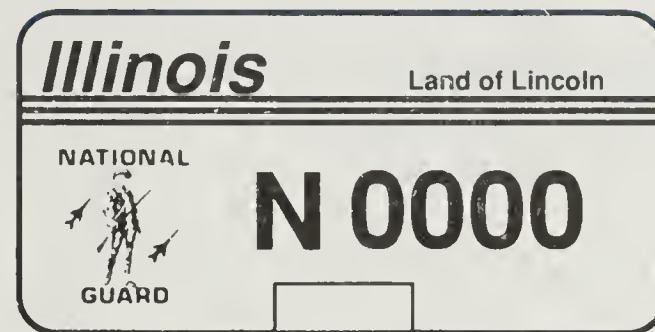


## ARMED FORCES



Any active member of the Armed Forces Reserves or Illinois National Guard who resides in Illinois and has a 12-month term of enlistment may apply for these plates.

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### HOW TO APPLY

1. Submit a completed affirmation form from the military unit showing the member's term of enlistment, signed and completed by the unit commander or representative. The term of enlistment must cover the full 12-month vehicle registration period being applied for.

*NOTE: If the term of enlistment does not extend through the registration period for which you are applying, and you plan to re-enlist, complete both sides of the affirmation form verifying that you will be an active member for the 12-month registration period.*

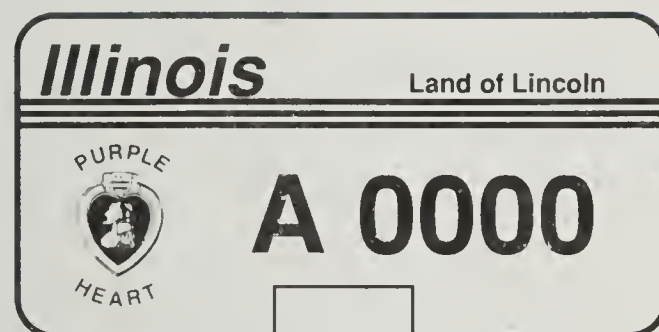
2. If the vehicle is **registered in the Reservist or National Guard member's name**, submit a

current registration card or copy of the title along with a completed registration application and applicable fee. (See "Registration Information" section.)

3. If the vehicle is **not titled or registered in the member's name**, submit the properly assigned Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin or title along with a completed title and registration application and applicable fees.

The Reservist or National Guard member may apply for as many sets of these plates as he or she has vehicles titled, registered, or leased in his or her name.

## PURPLE HEART



Any U. S. citizen who resides in Illinois and has been awarded the Purple Heart by a branch of the Armed Forces may apply for these plates.

### HOW TO APPLY

1. Submit a copy of the discharge from Military Service (DD214) **or** a "letter of verification" showing the status as a Purple Heart recipient from

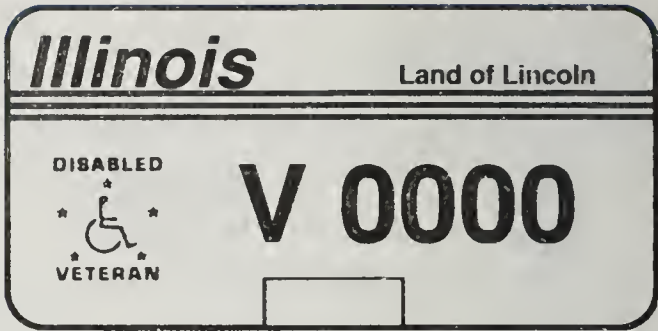
the Department of Veterans Affairs **or** the federal government showing that the Purple Heart Medal has been awarded.

2. If the vehicle is **registered in the Purple Heart recipient's name**, submit a current registration card or a copy of the title along with a completed registration application and applicable fees. (See "Registration Information" section.)

3. If the vehicle is **not titled and registered in the recipient's name**, submit the properly assigned Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin or title along with a completed title and registration application and applicable fees.

The Purple Heart recipient may apply for as many sets of these plates as he or she has vehicles titled, registered, or leased in his or her name.

# DISABLED VETERAN



Any United States armed forces veteran who has a 100 percent military service disability, or who is eligible to receive a grant from the U.S. government toward the purchase of a vehicle, may obtain one set of "DV" plates at no cost.

## HOW TO APPLY

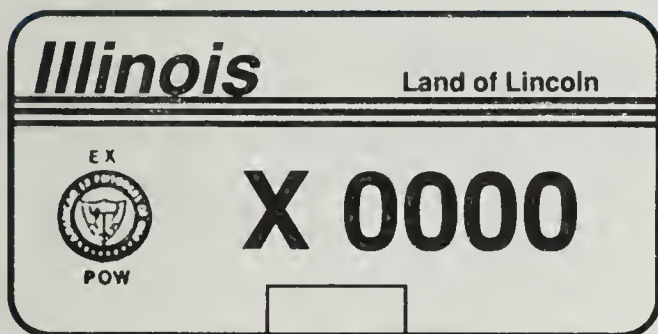
1. Submit a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs verifying that you :
  - a. Are 100 percent military service disabled; **or**
  - b. Are eligible to receive a grant from the U.S. government toward the purchase of a vehicle; **or**
  - c. Have received a grant from the U.S. government toward the purchase of a vehicle.
2. If the vehicle is **registered in the disabled veteran's name only**, submit a current registration card along with a completed registration application and applicable fee. (See "Registration Information" section.)
3. If the vehicle is **not titled or registered in the veteran's name**, submit the properly assigned Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin or title along with a completed title and registration application and applicable title-related fee.

*The veteran's name must appear as owner or co-owner on the title of the vehicle. However, the registration must be in the veteran's name **only**.*

NOTE: Vehicles displaying the "DV" plates may be parked in areas specifically reserved for use by handicapped persons. Parking meter fees and time limitations are also waived, except at meters, signs or other markings with time limitations of 30 minutes or less.



# EX-PRISONER OF WAR



Any U.S. citizen who is a present or former member of the U.S. armed forces or any of its Allies and who was a prisoner of war may apply for these plates. **Only one set of "X-POW" plates is issued at no cost.**

The widowed spouse of a former member of the U.S. armed forces may apply for the plates, providing that the widowed spouse 1) was married to the ex-prisoner of war at the time the ex-prisoner of war died, and 2) is single at the time of the application.

## HOW TO APPLY

1. Submit a form from the federal government or a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs verifying your ex-prisoner of war status.

2. If the vehicle **is registered in the ex-prisoner of war's name**, submit a current registration card or copy of the title along with a completed registration application and applicable fee. (See "Registration Information" section.)

3. If the vehicle **is not titled or registered in the ex-prisoner of war's name**, submit the properly assigned Manufacturer's Certificate of Origin or the title along with a completed title and registration application and applicable title-related fee.

*The ex-prisoner of war's name must appear as owner or co-owner on both the title and the registration application.*



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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE Military License Plates

Contact: Secretary of State  
Non-Standard Plates Section  
Centennial Building, Room 539  
Springfield, Illinois 62756

*Armed Forces Reserves:* (217) 782-2475  
*Congressional Medal  
of Honor:* (217) 782-2470

*Disabled Veterans:* (217) 782-3166

*Ex-Prisoner of War:* (217) 785-4175

*Illinois National Guard:* (217) 782-2470

*Purple Heart:* (217) 785-4175

TOLL FREE: 1 (800) 252-8980

Mon. -- Fri., 8 a.m. -- 8 p.m.

Sat., 8 a.m. -- 4:30 p.m.

HISPANIC LINE: (312) 793-1338/1339

Mon. -- Fri., 8:30 a.m. -- 5 p.m.

For further information regarding documenta-  
tion for disabled veterans and ex-prisoners of  
war, contact:

Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs  
208 W. Cook  
Springfield, IL 62704  
Ph. (217) 782-3418

Veterans Administration Regional Office  
536 S. Clark St.  
Chicago, IL 60605  
Ph. (312) 663-5519

For further information regarding documenta-  
tion for Purple Heart recipients, contact:

Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs  
Springfield Office (listed above)

National Personnel Records Center  
9700 Page Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63132

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- If your present Illinois license plates **expire within 60 days** and you have received your preprinted renewal application, please submit the following items:

1. A preprinted renewal application or a properly completed registration application.
2. The proper documentation required for the plate category for which you are applying.
3. Proof of ownership.
4. Annual registration fee of \$48 (only applicable for Armed Forces Reserves, Illinois National Guard, and Purple Heart license plates).

- If your current license plates **do not expire within 60 days**, you must apply for a reclassification by submitting the following:

1. A properly completed registration application.
2. The proper documentation required for the plate category for which you are applying.
3. Your current license plates and registration card.
4. A \$5 reclassification fee.

## BASIC FACTS

- All titles, transfers, duplicate registration cards and replacement license plates are subject to standard fees.
- Military license plates may be displayed on the following types of vehicles: passenger cars; trucks and vans (8,000 lbs. or less).

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